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SUBJECT: REPORTED PLANS TO OVERTHROW DUVALIER GOVERNMENT

REF: PORT AU PRINCE 964

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OF POLITICAL STABILITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

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